

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Tzong-Fen Fuh, et al)	Confirmation No.:	1623
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Serial No.:	10/611,460)	Examiner:	Whipple, Brian P.
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Filing Date:	June 30, 2003)	Art Unit:	2152

For: Local Authentication of a Client at a Network Device

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 25, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until May 25, 2008. Please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks herein.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE fee are filed concurrently herewith.

No claims are amended, added or canceled. Claims 1–30 are pending. Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed February 25, 2008, is addressed hereinafter.

I. ISSUES RELATING TO CITED PRIOR ART

A. Claims 1–9 and 13–19, 22–23, and 25–27 — *BAIZE* in view of *SADOVSKY* in view of *WELCHER*

Claims 1–9 and 13–19, 22–23, and 25–27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,317,838, issued to *Baize*, et al. ("*Baize*"), in view of 50325-0799 (CPOL 318993)